

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-16 were pending in the application. The Examiner objected to claims 5-7 and 12-14 and rejected the remaining claims.

In item 6 on page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 5-7 and 12-14 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1. In addition, claims 6 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form. Further, claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 8 and claims 13 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 have been cancelled. Therefore, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application (claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 14) are all in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early notice of allowance are earnestly submitted.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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